(a) whether Government have taken up the upgradation of Mysore Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Since no airline operator has indicated its plan to start air services from Mysore airport, there is no plan, at present, to upgrade Mysore airport.

Funds for Bangalore International Airport Project

3231. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether for the proposed Bangalore International Airport, the State Government has authorised to raise funds from private sector including that by way of issue of bonds;

(b) whether it is a fact that State Government has floated bonds for the purpose; if so, the details in this regard indicating the total amount to be raised thereby also; and

(c) what other steps have been taken so far for raising and providing funds for construction of the airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) In May, 1999, Government of Karnataka had authorised the Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Develop- ment Corporation Limited (KSIIDC) to mobilise resources to an extent of Rs. 150 crores for acquiring land identified and required for the international airport proposed at Devanahalli. In pursuance, KSIIDC forwarded a proposal to raise the required resources through issue of airport bonds. Subsequently, Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) submitted a proposal to extend loan to the State Government for various infrastructure projects. In March, 2000, Government of Karnataka authorised KSIIDC to raise term-loan to an extent of Rs. 150 crores from HUDCO. State Government will extend guarantee for the loan. KSIIDC has initiated necessary action in this regard.

Enhancement of Delhi-Imphal Air service

3232. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for increasing the number of flights from Imphal to Delhi and Delhi to Imphal;

(b) if so, whether the Sahara Flight from Imphal to Delhi had been stopped; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have made any arrangement for increasing private airlines in case there are limited aircrafts of Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Operators are free to operate on any route in their commercial judgement subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which stipulate certain minimum operations on specified category of routes. There is no bar to entry of new private airlines.

Hindi training programme

†3233. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of typists and stenographers in the Ministry / Department and Subordinate Offices who are yet to be trained in typing and stenography in Hindi; and

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training so far and by when it is planned to give such training?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Number of those Stenographers and Typists of Ministry of Civil Aviation and its subordinate offices, who are yet to be trained in Hindi stenography and Hindi typing, is as under:—

	Name of the office	Stenographer	Typist
1.	Ministry	07	15
2.	D.G.C.A	12	16
3.	B.C.A.S.	08	05
4.	Commissioner of Railway Safety	01	05
5.	Airports Authority of India	265	523
6.	Air India Ltd.	145	72
7.	Indian Airlines Ltd.	79	24
8.	Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd.	13	NIL
9.	Hotel Corporation of India	19	5
10.	I.G.R.U.A.	05	01

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